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*Assignment of poramboke and disafforested lands in Cuddapah.*

301 Q.—MR. ABDUL HYE SAHIB : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether it is a fact that all the poramboke and disafforested lands in Cuddapah district are being invariably assigned to a few Christian converts owing to the influence of the Missionaries and that in consequence there is a tendency on the part of the poorer villagers to embrace Christianity?

A.—The Government have no information.

MR. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—“ Considering the seriousness of the allegations against the district officers, will the Government be pleased to call for information ? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE :—“ For what particular locality does the hon. Member want to get information ? ”

MR. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—“ The Collector of the district may be asked to furnish information and submit a report. ”

MR. M. RATNASWAMI :—“ May I know the particular district officers against whom there are allegations ? ”

(No answer.)

*Failure of crops in the Malabar district.*

302 Q.—DIWAN BAHADUR M. KRISHNAN NAYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the failure of the second paddy crop in parts of the Malabar district owing to want of rains ;

(b) whether the Government have ordered any inquiries to be made about the extent of the failure mentioned in clause (a) above ; and

(c) whether the Government intend to grant any remission of revenue on account of the said failure ?

A.—(a) The Government are aware that the second crop has failed in parts of Malabar owing to the unfavourable character of the season.

(b) The Collector is making the necessary inquiries.

(c) Under the rules in the Board's Standing Order No. 13, the Collector and the Jamabandi officer are competent to grant remission for loss of crops.

DIWAN BAHADUR M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—“ Sir, has the Collector made any report on the matter ? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE :—“ He is inquiring into the matter, Sir. ”

DIWAN BAHADUR M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—“ Is he making an inquiry on his own initiative or under orders from Government ? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE :—“ On his own initiative, Sir. ”

*Remission of land revenue in Malabar.*

303 Q.—MR. V. MADHAVA RAJA : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that, on account of the abnormal floods of the last south-west monsoon in the district of Malabar, much damage was caused to crops in the several parts of that district ;



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(b) whether the Government have made enquiries into this matter and whether they propose to grant any remission for the loss sustained ;

(c) whether the Government are aware that the second crops have completely failed in many parts of Malabar on account of the failure of the last north-east monsoon ; and

(d) whether they propose to grant any remission for the above loss ?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to the Collector's report dated 16th September 1923 printed in G.O. No. 1469, Revenue, dated 28th September 1923, which has already been placed on Editors' Table.

(c) The Government are aware that second crops have failed in some parts of Malabar on account of the failure of the north-east monsoon.

(d) Under the rules in Board's Standing Order No. 13, the Collector and the Jamabandi officer are competent to grant remission for loss of crops.

*Failure of crops in Malabar.*

304 Q.—MR. K. PRABHAKARAN TAMPAN: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that on account of unprecedented drought the second crop in Malabar has completely failed ;

(b) whether the Government have taken steps to ascertain the extent of the damage ; if not, whether they propose to do so ; and

(c) whether the Government propose to remit the assessment levied on such crops in the affected places ?

A.—(a) The Government are aware that the second crop has failed in parts of Malabar owing to the unfavourable character of the season.

(b) The Collector is making the necessary inquiries.

(c) Under the rules in the Board's Standing Order No. 13, the Collector and the Jamabandi officer are competent to grant remission for loss of crops.

**Public Works (Buildings).**

*Divisional offices at Devakottai.*

305 Q.—RAO BAHADUR A. M. MURUGAPPA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue, the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government and the hon. the Minister for Education and Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Divisional offices at Devakottai have been constructed in a place far removed from and with no proper communication with the town ;

(b) whether in selecting the site for the construction of the offices the convenience of the public was taken into consideration ;

(c) whether it is a fact that during the rainy season people find it very difficult to go to the offices owing to the river in the way ;

(d) whether it is a fact that the District Board of Ramnad applied for help to the Government to construct a bridge over the river, and the Government refused to grant any help ; and